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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
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Biographical Note

Williamson Dunn was born on December 25, 1781, near Danville, Kentucky. In 1806, he married Miriam Wilson with whom he had eleven children. Dunn moved to Jefferson County, Indiana, in 1809, and lived in several places throughout the state before settling in Hanover, Jefferson County, Indiana, in 1829. He remarried in 1828 to Mary Fleming. Dunn served in the Indiana militia from 1812 to 1814 as a captain. From 1816 to 1820, he served in the Indiana House of Representatives. He was Speaker of the House from 1818 to 1820. Dunn also served in the Indiana Senate from 1837 to 1838. His other public offices include justice of the peace in Jefferson County (1811); judge of the Jefferson County court of common pleas (1811-1813); associate judge of the 2nd circuit (1814-1816); probate judge of the 3rd circuit (1846-1852). Dunn died November 11, 1854.

Biographical Note

William Watson Wick was a U.S. congressman from Indiana. He was born in Canonsburg, Washington County, Pennsylvania on February 23, 1796 and a few years later moved with his parents to Western Reserve in 1800. Wick moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1816 where he taught school and studied medicine until 1818 and then law. He was admitted to the bar in Franklin, Johnson County, Indiana in 1819 and commenced practice in Connersville, Fayette County, Indiana, in 1820. Wick served as a clerk of the Indiana House of Representatives in 1820; an assistant clerk of the Indiana Senate in 1821; president judge of the fifth judicial state circuit court from 1822 to 1825; secretary of state during 1825-1829; prosecuting attorney (1829-1831) and again as president judge of the fifth judicial circuit court (1834-1837). In 1839, Wick was elected as a Democrat congressman to the United States Congress. He failed his bid for reelection in 1840 and subsequently resumed his law practice in Indianapolis. In 1845, he was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives and served until 1849. In 1850, Wick served as president judge for a third time until 1853 when he became postmaster of Indianapolis for four years. He also held the position of adjutant general in the Indiana militia. Soon afterwards, he moved back to Franklin, Indiana, where he continued the practice of law. Wick died in Franklin on May 19, 1868 and was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Source:

United States Congress. "William W. Wick (id: W000436)." *Biographical Directory of the United States Congress*. Accessed June 8, 2016. <http://bioguide.congress.gov/biosearch/biosearch.asp>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes an original handwritten letter from Williamson Dunn, on January 21, 1820, in Corydon, Indiana, written during the 1819-1820 session of the Indiana House of Representatives, confirming the salary of \$192.00 for William W. Wick, principal clerk.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject .

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Controlled Access Headings

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Genre(s)

- Correspondence

Personal Name(s)

- Wick, William W. (William Watson), 1796-1868

Subject(s)

- Indiana--Politics and government--19th century
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